

REMARKS

Claims 16-21 are presented for consideration, with Claims 16, 18 and 20 being independent.

A new abstract is being submitted to better set forth the technical features of the claimed invention.

Claims 1-15 have been cancelled and replaced with Claims 16-21. It is submitted that the new claims are consonant with the elected invention of Group I. Support for the new claims can be found, for example, on page 22, line 3, *et. seq.*, of the specification.

Claims 11-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is deemed to be moot in view of the cancellation of Claims 11-15. It is respectfully noted, however, that new Claims 20 and 21 are directed to a computer readable storage medium and are based on the Examiner's suggested claim language.

Claims 2, 7 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Toshihiro (JP '315). Claims 1, 4-6, 9-11, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Toshihiro in view of Takashi (JP '388). Finally, Claims 3, 8 and 13 were rejected as being obvious over Toshihiro, Takashi and further in view of well known prior art. In view of the cancellation of Claims 1-15, these rejections are deemed to be moot.

In Claim 16 of Applicants' invention, an information processing apparatus, in which a printer driver is installed for transmitting a print job to be printed to a printer, comprises means for displaying a printer setting window activated by the printer driver, print medium designating means for designating a print medium from the printer setting window, and mirror image print designating means for designating a mirror image print via the printer setting window

on which it can be designated whether the mirror image print is performed or not when a transparent medium has been designated. In addition, print job command setting means sets a paper type designation command or a mirror image print command in a PDL command of a print job to be generated by the information processing apparatus. As claimed, the job command setting means sets a transparent medium designation command in the PDL command of the print job when a transparent medium is designated and the mirror image print is not selected, and sets the transparent medium designation command and the mirror image print designation command in the PDL command of the print job when a transparent medium is designated and the mirror image print is selected. The information processing apparatus transmits a print job containing the set PDL command to the printer.

Claims 18 and 20 relate to an information processing method and a computer readable storage medium, respectively, and correspond to Claim 16.

In accordance with Applicants' claimed invention, high performance information processing can be performed.

The Toshihiro citation relates to an image recording apparatus that includes a sensor 30 for detecting mirror image recording paper.

Takashi relates to an image processor that can be connected to an output device via a network. Takashi distributes a load of image editing between the image processor and the output device.

Unlike Applicants' claimed invention, however, neither Toshihiro nor Takashi teach or suggest, among other features, processing information by designating a mirror image print via a printer setting window on which it can be designated whether a mirror image print is

performed or not when a transparent medium has been designated, and setting a paper type designation command or a mirror image print command in the manner set forth in Applicants' claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as set forth in independent Claims 16, 18 and 20 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 17, 19 and 21 set forth additional features of Applicants' invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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